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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed November 12, 2009 in the above-identified application. The response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and a request for three-months extension of time. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	3	MINUS	20	* =	0	X	(\$26 SE or \$52)	\$ 0
INDEP	1	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$110 SE or \$220)	\$ 0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						X	(\$195 SE or \$390)	\$ 0
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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.  If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.  If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.  If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.